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DON THESE SUPERHERO
COSTUMES AND SPEND QUALITY
TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN!



THEY'RE GOING TO LOVE YOU
WHEN YOU SHOW UP AS SUPERHEROES!!



IT WILL BE A HUGE SUCCESS
IF IT'S RELEASED FOR THIS
YEAR'S CHILDREN'S DAY.



IT'S GOING TO GO BEYOND
JUST PLAYING WITH TOYS. IT'LL
BE A NEW CULTURAL TREND THAT
ADULTS AND CHILDREN CAN
BOTH ENJOY!



SO HOW IS IT...?





DO YOU THINK CHILDREN CAN
BE TRICKED THAT EASILY?

CHILDREN NOWADAYS ARE SMART
ENOUGH TO KNOW IT'S JUST THEIR
DAD OR UNCLE IN SANTA SUITS.

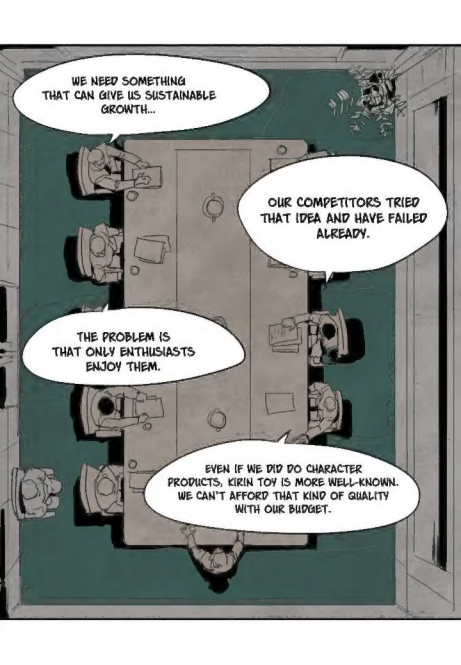


WE NEED
SOMETHING MORE...

STIMULATING IN TIMES
LIKE THESE.

LOOKS LIKE THAT'S GOING
TO BE A ONE-TIME EVENT
JUST FOR CHILDREN'S DAY...





WE NEED SOMETHING
THAT CAN GIVE US SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH...

OUR COMPETITORS TRIED
THAT IDEA AND HAVE FAILED
ALREADY.

THE PROBLEM IS
THAT ONLY ENTHUSIASTS
ENJOY THEM.

EVEN IF WE DID DO CHARACTER
PRODUCTS, KIRIN TOY IS MORE WELL-KNOWN.
WE CAN'T AFFORD THAT KIND OF QUALITY
WITH OUR BUDGET.



HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO
RELY ON FOREIGN BRANDS?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE
PUBLICATION RIGHTS. LET'S SPEND
THAT MONEY ON RED INSTEAD.



NONE OF OUR ANIMATED
TV CHARACTERS CAUGHT ON
DURING THE SECOND HALF
OF THE YEAR.

IF THIS CONTINUES,
WE'RE GOING TO
LOSE OUR PARTNERS.



I SEE...

I UNDERSTAND...





WORK MORE CREATIVELY!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE
AND WORRY ABOUT THE
DROPPING SALES RATE!



WE ARE BUSINESSMEN
AND AS BUSINESSMEN,
INCREASING THE SALES RATE

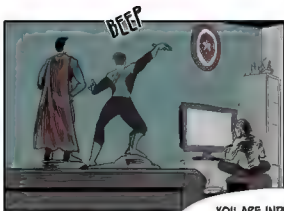


SO HAVE FUN WITH THOSE
BRICK HEADS OF YOURS.

BAAM

NOW...LET US BEGIN
WITHOUT THE CHAIRMAN.

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BEEP

YOU ARE INDEED CORRECT
ABOUT THE FACT THAT HEROES
ARE THE TREND NOW.



BEEP

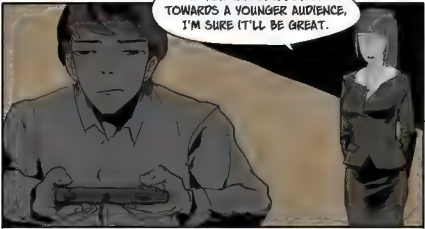
BEEP

THE PROBLEM IS THAT
YOUR IDEA WAS DESIGNED
FOR ADULTS.



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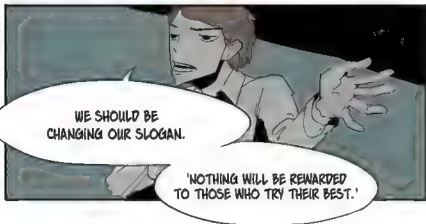
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IF YOU CAN DEVELOP IT
TOWARDS A YOUNGER AUDIENCE,
I'M SURE IT'LL BE GREAT.



AND IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR
YOU TO LET THE RESEARCH TEAM
DO THEIR JOB AND ACT LIKE
AN EXEMPLARY CHAIRMAN.



THE DIRECTORS ARE INDEED
QUITE DEMANDING, BUT YOU CAN'T
DENY THAT YOUR IDEA WAS HEAVILY
BASED ON YOUR PREFERENCES.



YEAH, YEAH...
I WASN'T THINKING AHEAD.



ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS
BE GREAT, LIKE DAD.

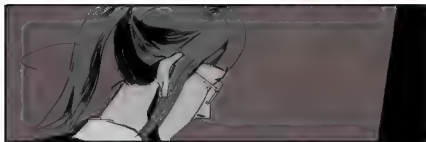


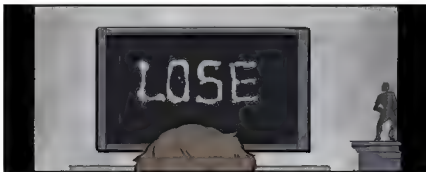
BUT THE WAY THEY
LOOK AT ME...

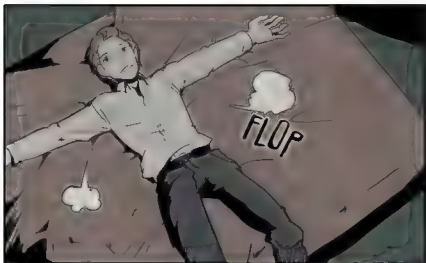
IT'S LIKE THEY CAN'T STAND THE
FACT THAT SOME YOUNGSTER IS THEIR
BOSS SO THEY'RE ALL PLANNING
TO KICK ME OUT.

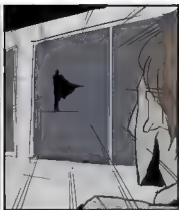


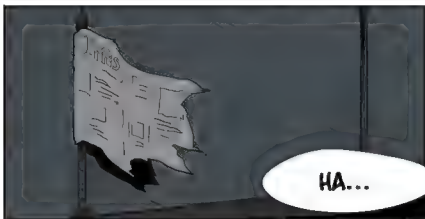
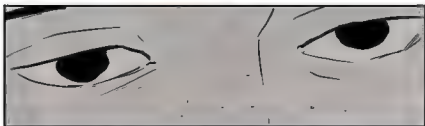
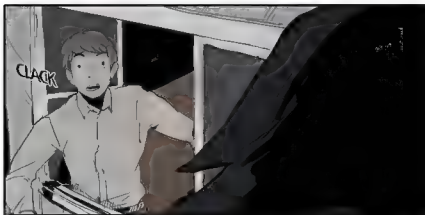
THEY USED TO
LICK MY BOOTS WHEN
DAD WAS ALIVE...









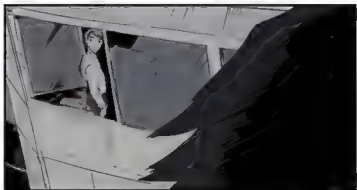




OF COURSE THERE AREN'T
HEROES IN REAL LIFE...

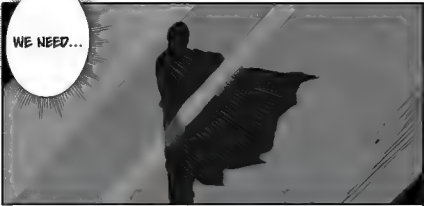


OUR GOAL IS TO COME UP
WITH SOMETHING WILL HAVE
A CONSISTENT SALES RATE.



HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO
RELY ON FOREIGN BRANDS?



A dark, atmospheric scene showing a figure with a cape standing in a stormy, dark environment. The figure is silhouetted against a lighter, swirling background, possibly rain or smoke. The overall tone is somber and urgent.

WE NEED...

A close-up, high-contrast illustration of a young man's face. He has short brown hair and a determined, slightly intense expression with wide eyes. He is wearing a collared shirt. The background is dark and textured.

**SOMETHING
MORE
STIMULATING
IN TIMES
LIKE THESE.**



MISS KIM!!

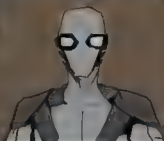


GRAY

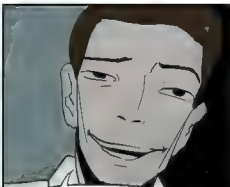
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THAT IS HOW,

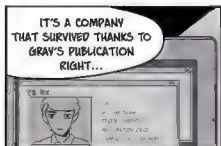
I DREAMT OF BEING A HERO.

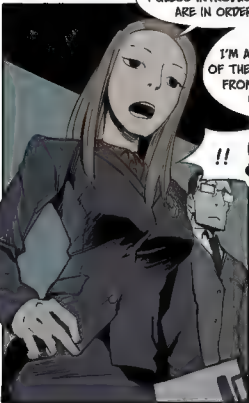


WAIT, SO... YOU'RE ACTUALLY
THE SON OF A CEO OF
A MAJOR CORPORATION...



AND YOU WERE BORN
BECAUSE OF A NEWSPAPER FLAPPING
IN THE WIND?





I GUESS INTRODUCTIONS
ARE IN ORDER.

I'M ARIN KIM, SUPERVISOR
OF THE INVESTIGATION SQUAD
FROM THE NPA(NATIONAL
POLICE AGENCY).

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MA'AM!

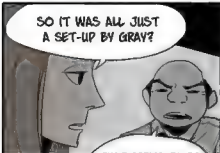


FORGIVE MY RUDENESS,
I DIDN'T KNOW...
ARE YOU HERE
FOR GRAY?



ORDERS FROM ABOVE.

THIS CASE HAS ALREADY
SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
AND THE GOVERNMENT
IS UNDER ALERT.



SO IT WAS ALL JUST
A SET-UP BY GRAY?



THAT SEEMS TO BE
THE CASE SO FAR.



THE PROSECUTORS
WON'T SIT IDLY BY SINCE GRAY
AS WELL AS A MAJOR
CORPORATION IS INVOLVED.

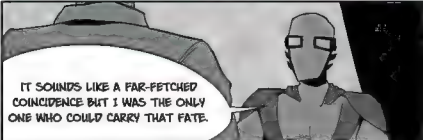
MAKE SURE NOTHING
LEAKS OUT OF HERE UNTIL
THE INTERROGATION
IS ONE.



YES, MA'AM.
CONTROL THE
INTERROGATION
ROOM



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IT SOUNDS LIKE A FAR-FETCHED
COINCIDENCE BUT I WAS THE ONLY
ONE WHO COULD CARRY THAT FATE.



WE HAVE WIRED YOUR
PHONE JUST IN CASE,
SO I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.

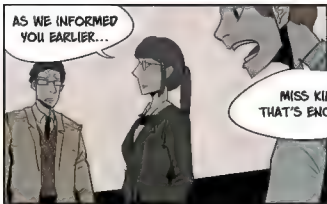


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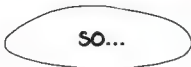
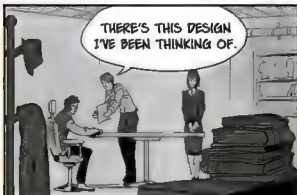


NOW THEN... YOUR PAY
SHOULD BE MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE
FOR YOUR SERVICES.

AS WE INFORMED
YOU EARLIER...



MISS KIM,
THAT'S ENOUGH.



I DID APPLY BECAUSE
OF THE HIGH WAGE...



BUT DO YOU REALLY
THINK IT'S FEASIBLE? NO MATTER
HOW I THINK ABOUT IT...



IS THERE A PROBLEM?

IT SEEMS THAT
THE CHAIRMAN IS...
STILL YOUNG.



YOU'RE JUST
AN EMPLOYEE.



PLEASE FOCUS
ON YOUR JOB.

MISS KIM.



WHAT IS THIS?
WHO IS THAT MAN?

THE STORAGE ROOM
HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO
THE SECOND FLOOR OF
THE BASEMENT.

ITS THAT SO?
THEN WHAT IS
THIS PLACE FOR?

I'M AFRAID ACCESS IS
ALLOWED TO AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ONLY.

I'D LIKE TO
TAKE A LOOK.

HAHA, AND I'M NOT AN
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL?

THE COMPANY IS IN A CRISIS
AND THERE'S A PROJECT CARRIED
OUT IN SECRET THAT EVEN I,
THE VICE-CHAIRMAN,
DON'T KNOW ABOUT?



BLOCK
THE VISION

WITH A
SMOKESCREEN?

YES, I DON'T HAVE ANY
EXPERIENCE FIGHTING
SO I CAN'T FIGHT
HEAD TO HEAD.

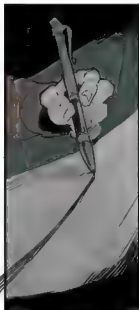
THEN WHAT?
YOUR VISION WILL
ALSO BE BLOCKED.

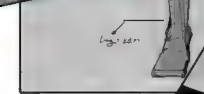
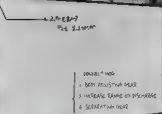
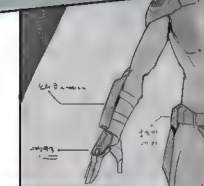
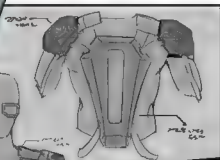
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THEN WE'LL NEED
SPECIALIZED GOGGLES.

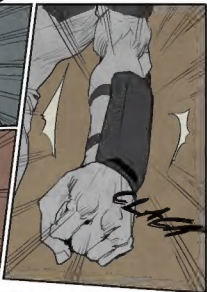
EVEN WITH THIS,
SINCE YOU CAN'T FIGHT...

IT'S GOING TO BE
DIFFICULT IF YOU'RE
BARE-HANDED.

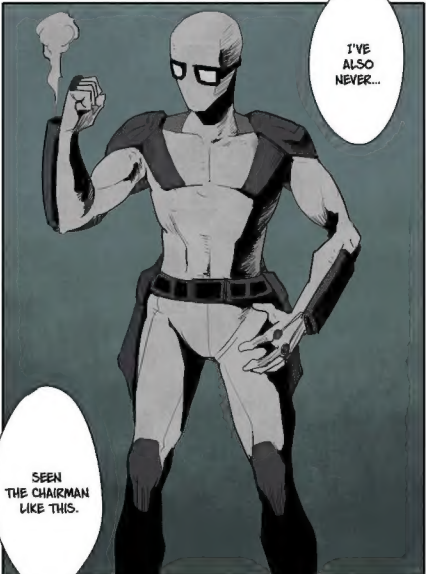




- 1. HEAD: NO. 1
- 2. BODY: NO. 1
- 3. HEAD: NO. 1
- 4. HEAD: NO. 1







I'VE
ALSO
NEVER...

SEEN
THE CHAIRMAN
LIKE THIS.



GRAY